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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OTRA, PINR  
SUBJ: ACCESS TO PETROLEUM FACILITIES (U)

REF: DIA 082302Z JUN 78 (NOT SENT SECSTATE)

1. REFTEL REQUESTS INFO ON FEASIBILITY OF ON-SITE VISIT TO  
ABU DHABI OFF-SHORE OIL FACILITIES ON DAS ISLAND BY DIA PETROLEUM  
ANALYST MR. EUGENE BOZAY SOMETIME THIS SUMMER. UNCLEAR WHETHER THIS  
PROPOSED VISIT CLEARED WITH DEPT OF STATE PRIOR TO INQUIRY BEING  
RECEIVED THIS POST.

2. UAE FEDERAL AND ABU DHABI EMIRATE AUTHORITIES ARE CURRENTLY  
VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT OUTSIDE VISITORS TO DAS ISLAND AND INDEED TO OTHER  
PETROLEUM FACILITIES HERE SUCH AS RUWAIS AND JEBAL DHANNA.  
ALL SUCH VISITS MUST NOT ONLY BE ARRANGED THROUGH CONCESSION  
OPERATOR, IN THIS CASE ABU DHABI MARINE AREAS - OPERATING  
COMPANY (ADMA-OPCO), BUT ALSO REQUIRE PRIOR APPROVAL OF MINISTRIES  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERIOR. SUCH ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT  
EASILY MADE (THREE EMBASSY OFFICERS WERE PERMITTED TO VISIT DAS  
ONLY AFTER SEVERAL REQUESTS TO ADMA-OPCO) AND DIPLOMATIC  
VISITORS TEND TO BE KEPT UNDER CLOSE IF POLITE POLICE SURVEILLANCE  
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WHILE ON DAS. RECENTLY, GROUP OF SEVEN VISITING FRENCH PARLIA-  
MENTARIANS WERE TURNED BACK BY POLICE AFTER THEY HAD LANDED AT  
DAS AIRPORT. THEIR SPONSOR, CFP, AFTER FAILING TO RECEIVE  
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR APPROVAL IN TIME, HAD TRIED TO PROCEED WITHOUT  
CLEARANCE.

3. POSSIBILITIES OF OUR OBTAINING CLEARANCE FOR BOZAY VISIT TO

DAS WOULD IN OUR ESTIMATION BE SERIOUSLY LESSENED BY HIS CONNECTION WITH DIA. UAE AND OTHER GULF OFFICIALS ARE ALREADY SENSITIZED TO US MILITARY INTELLIGENCE INTEREST IN THEIR OIL FACILITIES BY ARABIC PRESS SCARE STORIES ALLEGING USG MILITARY PLANS EXIST TO OCCUPY ARABIAN OIL FIELDS IN EVENT NEW MIDEAST WAR OR ARAB OIL EMBARGO. IDENTIFICATION OF MR. BOZAY WITH US MILITARY IN ANY WAY LIKELY AROUSE SUSPICIONS THAT VISIT IS SOMEHOW CONNECTED TO SUCH ALLEGED PLANNING.

3. GIVEN UAE SENSITIVITIES NOTED ABOVE AS WELL AS DIFFICULTIES WE HAVE IN ARRANGING FOR VISITS BY OUR OWN EMBASSY STAFF TO DAS, WE ARE FRANKLY RELUCTANT TO USE UP OUR LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN ACCESS TO DAS BY SUBMITTING REQUEST FOR HIS VISIT THROUGH EMBASSY CHANNEL. SHOULD MR. BOZAY HAVE FRIENDLY CONTACT WITHIN INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES WHO COULD ARRANGE FOR HIM TO VISIT DAS DISCREETLY AS MEMBER OF OIL COMPANY PARTY, EMBASSY WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO HIS DOING SO.  
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